गैर पर्यवेक्षकीय पदों को आवश्यक भर्ती के लिए रोजगार कार्यालय के माध्यम से अधिसूचित किया जाएगा। नियुक्ति में स्थानीय तथा विस्थापित व्यक्तियों को वरीयता दी जाएगी बशर्ते वे वांछित योग्यता, उम्र, दक्षता स्तर तथा अन्य भर्ती विशिष्टियों को पूरा करते हों।

(ङ) इस रिफाइनरी के शुरू होने के उपरांत देश में कुल शोधन क्षमता के बढ़कर 66.55 मि मि टन प्रति वर्ष होने की संभावना है।

(च) नयी रिफाइनरियों को स्थापित करके तथा बी आर पी एल, डिग्बोई आदि विद्यमान रिफाइनरियों का विस्तारण करके इस क्षमता में और वृद्धि करने का प्रस्ताव है।

मथुरा आयल रिफाइनरी में कथित भ्रष्टाचार

7157. **श्री जगदीश प्रसाद माथुर:** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या उनका ध्यान दिनांक 15 फरवरी, 1995 के "दैनिक जागरण" आगरा में प्रकाशित उस समाचार की ओर दिलाया गया है जिसमें मथुरा रिफाइनरी में घोर भ्रष्टाचार व्याप्त होने का आरोप लगाया गया है और यह कि आगरा स्थित भ्रष्टाचार उन्मूलन मण्डल द्वारा उन्हें शिकायत पत्र भेजा गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस शिकायत पत्र में क्या आरोप लगाये गये हैं;

(ग) क्या इन आरोपों की कोई जांच की गई है; और

(घ) क्या रिफाइनरी के बन्द होने के पीछे भ्रष्टाचार, अनियमितता इत्यादि प्रमुख कारण हैं?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा): (क) और (ख) एक समाचार पत्र में एक रिपोर्ट प्रकाशित हुई है जिसके अंतर्गत मथुरा रिफाइनरी में घटिया सामग्री के उपयोग, उपस्कर विभाग आदि द्वारा क्रय आदेश जारी करने में अनियमितताओं का आरोप लगाया गया है।

(ग) आई ओ सी द्वारा जांच पड़ताल की जा रही है।

(घ) रिफाइनरी को हाल ही में केवल रख-रखाव और संसाधन इकाइयों के विभिन्न मरम्मत कार्यों के लिए ही बंद किया गया था। अब रिफाइनरी सामान्य रूप से कार्य कर रही है।

Plans for expansion of HPCL Oil Refinery at Visakhapatnam

7158. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present installed capacity of oil refineries in the country;

(b) what are the future plans for expanding the capacities of these refineries;

(c) what is the present capacity of HPCL Refinery at Visakhapatnam;

(d) whether it is a fact that the HPCL Oil Refinery at Visakhapatnam has been completely neglected from expansion programmes; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor; if not, what are plans for expansion of HPCL Oil Refinery, Visakhapatnam (A.P.) in the next few years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The present refining capacity in the country is 56.40 MMTPA.

(b) Govt. has approved the expansion of BRPL by 1.00 MMTPA and Digboi Refinery by 0.15 MMTPA. The expansion of other refineries depends upon the techno-economic viability of the proposals.

(c) The present refining capacity of HPCL Visakh refinery is 4.5 MMTPA.

(d) and (e): Initial capacity of Visakh refinery was 1.5 MMTPA and it was expanded to 4.5 MMTPA in 1985. Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited has submitted a proposal for expansion of its Visakh refinery from 4.5 to 7.5 MMTPA and the same is under consideration of the Govt.

Stortage of Diesel in North India

7159. SHRIMATI CHANDRIKA ABHINANDAN JAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the sudden shortage of diesel in North India, resulting in panic buying and hoarding;

(b) what measures are proposed to be taken, not only to meet the present crisis, but also to ensure uninterrupted supply of diesel and petroleum even in the event of breakdown in any section of the system; and

(c) whether Government would consider maintaining a stock for at least a period of one month, so that any such breakdown in the supply system does not affect the normal availability of diesel in various parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) The Northern Region States of Haryana, Punjab and Uttar Pradesh have been facing some shortage of petrol and diesel.

The shortage is due to the increased requirements of the agricultural sector for diesel in the months of April and May, emergency shut-down of some units of Mathura Refinery and import constraints.

(b) The following steps have been taken to tide over the situation:-

(1) Rescue supplies were arranged from Vizag, Kandla and Koyali.

(2) Aditional tank wagon loadings from Budge-Budge to East Uttar Pradesh locations were arranged.

(3) 20 TMT additional crude oil has been allotted to the Barauni Refinery and surplus MS from the Coachin Refinery was moved to the Northern Region.

(4) Crude processing at the maximum level has been planned at the Mathura Refinery during May and June, 1995.

(5) The Ministry of Surface Transport has been requested to provide priority berthing to POL tankers at Kandla.

(6) The Railways have been requested to increase tank wagon loadings at Kandla and Budge-Budge.

(7) The oil companies have been directed to enhance MS/HSD bridging to the Northern Region from Kandla, Bombay and Budge-Budge.

(c) The Government have decided to establish a strategic reserve of 45 days of petroleum products for the country through the creation of additional storage capacity in the refineries, supply locations and major consumption areas. This strategic reserve would be used as and when necessary to meet contingencies and emergency situations.

Distribution points for LPG/Kerosene

7160. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) how Government propose to implement their policy of having more distribution points for LPG and Kerosene in rural areas in the country;

(b) what is the percentage of LPG distribution between rural and urban areas, State-wise; and

(c) how many rural centres have been identified for LPG distribution in Karnataka and how many of them are serviced now, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA): (a) 202 SKO-LDO (Kerosene) dealerships have been included in the SKO-LDO Marketing Plan 1989—93 for Block and Taluka Headquarters all over the country. So far LPG distributorships have not been opened in rural areas due to product constraints and low potential in the rural areas. However, keeping in view the expected increase of LPG in the coming years, it has been decided to include adjoining villages also for working out the viability of LPG distributorships for smaller towns. In cases of non-viable distributorships in the urban areas, their jurisdiction and area of operation is also extended to nearby rural areas.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Following locations have been proposed in the LPG Marketing Plan 1994-95 for Karnataka in accordance with the existing policy;